

educated, English-speaking strivers not as a burden, but as a resource.

Repeal also strikes me as a violation of deep American principles. The plight of the Dreamers presents a profound question of fairness. Often starting from harsh personal circumstances, these young people have done what any American family might dream of for their child: Study hard, aim high, and earn a degree or a place in college or the military, on the road to a productive career. They are undocumented through no fault of their own. And when offered an opportunity to come out of the shadows, they did—because they trusted that our government would not punish them for it.

Could we ask for more, from any American?

Yet, as we see at MIT and at campuses across the country, the threat of DACA repeal is subjecting these young people to brutal uncertainty. Now, because of decisions made for them when they were children, they fear losing the opportunities they earned, the communities they think of as home, and the nation they love.

The surest way to provide the certainty these students deserve is for Congress to pass legislation protecting these Dreamers. As many polls have found, the vast majority of Americans oppose repeal of DACA. And many members of Congress, on both sides of the aisle, have proposed humane and sensible legislative solutions.

So I ask, in this urgent moment, that we unite as Americans in calling on Congress to bring a bill to the floor as soon as possible—and calling on Trump to allow Congress the time to get this right.

I came to this country 43 years ago. The US immigration system worked well for me. It granted me a student visa and eventually a green card. Years later, on a beautiful day that I will never forget, I became an American citizen. I have the particular patriotism of an immigrant, rooted in deep gratitude and appreciation for a country founded on a dream of fairness. I urge Trump and the Congress to find a sound, stable legislative path to keep that promise of fairness for the Dreamers, too.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARINES LANDING AT GUADALCANAL

##### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th Anniversary of our United States Marines' landing at Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands during World War II. Three-quarters of a century after this momentous event, the memory and sacrifice of these brave men should not be forgotten.

On August 7, 1942, Marines joined by our allies landed on the shores of the Solomon Islands to deny their use to our then-adversary, Imperial Japan. These Marines were joined by U.S. Navy vessels, as well as by ships and troops supplied by our Australian and British allies, in a series of 26 land and naval battles that collectively became known as the Battle of Guadalcanal. Two of our future presidents served there: John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon. Other Solomon Islanders served bravely as the famous Coastwatchers, providing the early warnings that allowed our outnumbered Marines to prevail against their enemies. Today, we look to the future with the

knowledge that the Marines' landing on this day three-quarters of a century ago was an important turning point in World War II's Pacific Theater.

To commemorate this important event, Marines and private citizens are currently in the process of dedicating a new monument atop the battlefield known as Bloody Ridge in Guadalcanal. Their efforts are supported and aided by the citizens and government of the Solomon Islands. The approaching ceremony to occur on the famous Bloody Ridge battle site recognizes the unity of spirit that today prevails among our allies and former adversaries, all of which are now charged with maintaining peace in the Pacific Ocean.

Mr. Speaker, as the efforts to create a monument to the heroism displayed by so many at Guadalcanal move forward, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the 75th anniversary of our Marines' historic landing at Guadalcanal.

#### HONORING SOPHIA BOQUIST

##### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sophia Boquist for earning her Congressional Award Silver Medal. These awards are given to outstanding young individuals who meet specific standards for voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration. Sophia volunteered in a community award ceremony, cleaned a park trail, volunteered at the Travis Manion Foundation Heroes' Run and worked as a volunteer aide at the Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center. Additionally, Sophia spent time developing her ability as a pianist and her skill as a diver. As a final step, Sophia showed great leadership in planning and executing a two-day canoe trip down the Delaware River. Sophia's commitment to public service and motivation to better herself should serve as an example to all of us.

#### IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 274

##### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the Baha'i Faith as Iran's largest religious minority group which has been subjected to state-sponsored persecution that has intensified since the Islamic Revolution of 1979. State-sponsored media has disseminated over 1,500 anti-Baha'i pieces every month in 2016, inciting hatred against the Baha'i community.

After Baha'is were barred from attending or teaching in Iranian universities, the Baha'i Institute for Higher Education (BIHE), an informal higher education system, was created in 1987 by members of the Baha'i community in Iran. In recent years, faculty and staff have been arrested and imprisoned for their participation in BIHE.

We must be very clear that education is not a crime. In any diplomatic engagement with

Iran, I urge the administration to make human rights and religious freedom, including the persecuted Baha'is, an integral part of the dialogue.

I fully support House Resolution 274, which condemns the government of Iran's state sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

#### REMEMBERING JOSEPH CALABRIA

##### HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Staten Island's Joseph Calabria, who passed away on July 28, 2017, at the age of 86.

A lifelong New Yorker, Joseph grew up in Brooklyn where he met his childhood sweetheart Josephine at a dance hall on Coney Island, whom he married in 1957. He nobly fought for his country during the Korean War. After joining the Army in October 1951, Joseph was responsible for delivering supplies and munitions to his fellow soldiers. When the war ended, he served his country further by tirelessly advocating for veterans.

As the former Commander of the local Korean War Veterans chapter, Joseph never stopped fighting for his brothers who wore the uniform. He was instrumental in changing the name of the Richmond Parkway to the Korean War Veterans Parkway. Moreover, he was influential in renaming P.S. 6 after Corporal Allan F. Kivlehan. These were no small feats, but Joseph never grew tired of fighting for those who put their life on the line for their country.

Joseph was also proud of his blue-collar roots. Working as a longshoreman for over forty years, he showed his compassion for the fellow working man by supporting them as a delegate for Local 856. Furthermore, Joseph was also a loving father to four wonderful children and a devoted grandfather to two.

Mr. Speaker, Joseph Calabria has spent his life in service to veterans, community, and country. I am saddened that he is no longer with us, but I know his compassion and patriotism will live on. He led a selfless life and for that, I salute him.

#### CONGRATULATING THE JEFFERSON CITY JAYS' BASEBALL TEAM

##### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 1, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Jefferson City Jays' Baseball Team on their first place win in the 2017 Missouri Class 5 Baseball State Championship. This team and their coaches should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

The team members include senior players Cole Ahrens, Kade Franks, Hayden